# Nationwide Campaign For 'Land Army' Will **Begin This Month**

Wickard Plans to Recruit Volunteer Corps for Part-Time Service

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard announced yesterday the department would inaugurate a nationwide campaign late this month to enlist 3,500,000 urban residents, high school students, unemployed farm laborers and workers employed in non-essential activities, in a "United States Crop Corps" to help meet farm labor shortages.

The farm labor shortage was said by the Secretary to constitute a serious threat to food production. Recruiting of volunteers will be carried on in towns and cities by the United States Employment Service and in rural counties by the Agricultural Extension Service, Mr. Wickard said.

Coincident with Secretary Wickard's announcement, Agriculture Department State directors met in Baltimore to discuss basis plans for farm labor recruitment in 17 Eastern Seaboard States

### Patriotism Motive.

Urban residents will be asked to agree, in advance of the planting and harvesting seasons, to work a certain number of week days, week ends or evenings. Volunteers, Mr. Wickard said, will be people "inspired by patriotic motives and the desire to see that a local crop is not lost by lack of labor."

In addition to urban volunteers, the department is counting on being able to recruit 275,000 seasonal agricultural workers who normally move from one crop area to another to do harvesting work, but who do not have transportation facilities because of gasoline and tire shortages. The department will provide such workers with transportation.

The department plans also to import upwards of 50,000 farm workers from Mexico to help with production of cotton, sugar beets, vegetable and citrus fruit crops in Southern and Western States.

## Proposed Crop Increases.

crops the Victory food program this marine cruised about slowly. year calls for the following substantial increases, department officials pointed out:

Milk, 2 per cent; all meats, 16 per per cent; cattle and calves, 7 per cent; chicken, 28 per cent; eggs, 8 per cent; potatoes, 11 per cent; corn. 4 per cent; wheat, 4 per cent; peanut acreage, 49 per cent; commercial truck crops, 2 per cent; beans, 31 per cent, and peas, 25 per

These 1943 goals must be reached. the Department of Agriculture estimates, in order that we may be able to feed our armed forces, civilian population and our allies.

In the next few weeks farmers in out the country, will sign produc- man was sewn up. tion pledges and simultaneously make known the number of workers ond such operation known to have to the ascending colon and was dif-

Last year apple crops rotted on trees and ground in Virginia orchards for the lack of apple pickers. The Agriculture Department hopes, insofar as the area surrounding Washington is concerned, to recruit emergency harvest workers from among the army of Government em-The Office of Education is mobil-

Izing 650,000 non-farm high school long ago recovered, was as fit as any vouths.' A Women's Land Army branch of the crop corps, composed of non-farm women interested in was time his appendix should come serving regularly as farm workers, out the skipper, Lt. Comdr. Dereend will be developed by the extension C. Burlingame of Louisville, Ky., service in co-operation with other was called in and so advised.

Domestic help is hard to find-but you may find it through a "Want Ad" in The Star.

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APPENDECTOMY PERFORMED IN SUBMERGED SUBMARINE-Thomas A. Moore (left), 22, pharmacists' mate first class of Chino Valley, Ariz., with the assistance of Richard Stegall, radioman, performed an appendectomy on Fireman George M. Platter, 21, of Buffalo, N. Y., while their submarine, on patrol in enemy waters, was submerged. Fireman Platter returned to light duties

# Sailor on Sub Removes Mate's Appendix in 5-Hour Operation

'Hit Me on Head,' Patient in Undersea Ordeal Asks as Anesthesia Wears Off

By WALTER B. CLAUSEN,

Assoc ated Press War Correspondent. PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 13.-Far of progress of the operation. Notwithstanding last year's bumper from Tokio, a United States sub- pendectomy, he had seen a "couple of Buffalo, N. Y., acutely ill with

> ally one raised questioning eyes to eration. the youngster who wielded the sur-

gical instruments. He was not a surgeon, but a chief pharmacist's mate. Thomas A. Moore of Chino Valley, Ariz., and he

Second Operation of Kind

gical operation.

For more than five hours he "There was plenty of light, but Virginia and Maryland and through- badly inflamed appendix. The sick got down deep.

on hand and additional workers been performed aboard a United ficult to get out. By this time we States submarine.

surfaced to recharge its batteries, wearing off. but instead sighted and fired a torpedo into an enemy ship and then ing at my guts.' He also remarked depth-charge attack. Details of the operation were re-

ported today by the officers and men of the submarine Silversides on return from a successful patrol of enemy waters. Fireman Platter,

member of the crew. When Eireman Platter decided it

Moore was elected to do the job. His volunteer assistants were Ensign Donald Finsch of Everett. Wash.; Gunner Robert Detmer of Bell, Calif.; Radioman Richard Stegall of Nashville, Tenn., and Signalman Robert T. Danke of Chicago.

The executive officer, Lt. Comdr.

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WALLET—Black leather, Georgia ave bus station or on bus, cont. identification card, driver's license, registration card, A and C gas ration books, money. Charles R. Adams, 10 Rodney rd., Hillandale, Silver Spring, Md. SH 1654, Reward. WALLET, black leather, driver's license and A gas ration book, issued to Jose Obregon, Catholic University, Mail it to R J Hoese, 1:05 Otis st. n.e.

In another delayed dispatch that quitoes brought discomfort. Rations were low. The men exhausted their simply of tobacco. But it may be a tobacco. plied to Edna C. Wilkes, 1645 Jonquil st. all GE, 4300 Olis st. ne WIRE-HAIRED TERRIER, black and white, 4 mos. old. puppy. lost from 1915 15th st. n. Arl., 10 a.m. Feb. 12. Reward. CH, 5302.

WIRE-HAIRED TERRIER, female, white with black spots, no collar, NO, 8122.

WIRE-HAIRED TERRIER, female, white with black spots, no collar, NO, 8122.

WIRE-HAIRED TERRIER, female, white enabled them to strike from Es Santo and take the almost vote of the first spots of the collaboration of the collabora

GENEROUS REWARD.

Roy M. Davenport of Los Angeles, kept the submarine's crew advised

below the ocean surface, not far Although it was Moore's first apof thousand" while he was serving A white-shrouded figure lay on a as a hospital apprentice at the San table in the wardroom mess. He Diego Naval Hospital and he felt was Fireman George W. Platter, 21, confident he could perform it.

"The ocean was smooth as glass cent; hogs, 27 per cent; lard, 36 appendicitis. An operation was in when the time for the operation came," he said, "but the skipper Tenseness lined the faces of men took her down so we wouldn't have clustered about the table. Occasion- to make a crash dive during the op-"I had two forceps, two surgical

knives, all the surgical goods for a (clamps for compressing blood vesnever before had performed a surtractors (instruments to hold the incision open) and we used two bent spoons instead.

"We started with a spinal anes-

The appendectomy was the sec- thetic but the appendix was grown had been under way an hour and A few minutes later the submarine | 35 minutes and the anesthetic was "Platter said, I can feel you pull-

submerged again under a heavy that he could move his toes and that he was beginning to feel pain. Asked to Be Hit on Head.

"Then he said, 'Hit me on the head with something.' We gave him a can and a half of ether." Comdr. Davenport said:

"I kept telling Platter stories while he was conscious but he got the most consolation out of the first verse of the 46th Psalm-'God is our refuge and our strength. \* \* I only saw Moore stand up straight once to take a deep breath during

Moore, when asked what his superiors thought of the incident, told of their return to base. "I had a bunch of long-faced

the five hours."

medical officers greet me," he said, "and the first question they asked was 'Have any trouble?' "I replied. 'No, but we had an appendectomy.

"He said, 'You did? But no dental trouble? "I replied, 'No, no dental trouble."

Wants to Be Paratrooper. They finally got around to asking whether the patient lived. I called

Platter over and they said, "Let's see the incision." Platter showed it to them. "And that's that." "Now Moore wants to get into a paratroop outfit," Comdr. Daven-

port interposed. "He thinks there's not enough action on submarines.' The first appendix operation on a submerged submarine, as recounted

in The Star last December 14 by Correspondent George Weller, was of the Frankford Arsenal and later performed by a 23-year-old pharma- the Watervliet Arsenal. cist's mate in enemy waters of the

up the incision two and a half hours Gen. N. H. Somers. after the operation started, just as the last can of ether was used up.

Buy War bonds.

## Rome Explains Plan To Work Prisoners Men Won't Be Exposed

To Attacks, Reports Say

BERN. Switzerland. Feb. 13.-Rome dispatches elaborated tonight oners in industry, a move announced previously by the German

cording to the Geneva convention."

The dispatches said the prisoners, themselves, wanted to work to major case, and eight hemostats relieve the monotony of inactivity. sels), but I was a little short on re- Greek prisoners are included in the and to protract it over so great a materially to reduce, is its short ra-

The Geneva Tribune said that a "large part" of the Indian troops worked, and finally extracted the we used a flashlight also when we ducted into the Italian army with

all medical practitioners in Italy the submarine. would be taken in connection with the law for control of the population be used for this purpose. Not all but for the next few months, as the in wartime. The broadcast, re- of them can be discussed publicly. weather clears and more U-boats corded by the Associated Press, said doctors as well as men.

A Rome broadcast, quoting the official Italian news agency, Stefani, said two new Italian undersecretaries had been appointed. National Councillor Domenico Pellegrini, professor at Naples University, was named undersecretary for finance, and National Councillor Guido Rispoli, rector of a Rome high school, was named undersecretary for education, the broadcast said.

## D. C. Automotive Engineers the base can be retained; it must To Hear Gen. Safford

Brig. Gen. H. F. Safford, chief of the Production Service Branch, Industrial Division. Office of the Chief of Ordnance, will speak on "Production Paces the Allied Nations' Offensive" at the annual meeting

of the Washington Section of the Society of Automotive Engineers at 6:30 tomorrow at the Mayflower Hotel Gen. Safford,

a graduate of Worcester Polyteghnic Institute, Massaehusetts Institute of Technology and the

Gen. Safford Army Industrial College, served as a captain in command of a heavy artillery battery during the World War. Formerly he was in command

Among guests expected to attend are Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Hayes. The "chief surgeon," Wheller B Brig. Gen. Gladeon M. Barnes, Brig. Lipes of Newcastle, Va., used table- Gen. Raphael S. Chavin, Brig. Gen. spoons for retractors, extracted al- James Kirk, Brig. Gen. Julian S. cohol from a torpedo mechanism for Hatcher, Brig. Gen. Harry R. Kutz,

## To Mark Founders' Day

discarded barrel staves. And we'll ent-Teacher Association at 8 p.m.

# Marines Beat Japs to Punch By Completing Airport First

WRIST WATCH lady's, initials "N. G." rines left their continental base, of construction. Wednesday evening, 6:40. Forest Glen bus or vicinity. Greidinger, GE 8095. rines left their continental base, of construction. His wife lives in WRIST WATCH, Waltham, square, dia- the impact of the wheels of a small mond. Reward, Georgia 4329. wrist watch man's gold Gruen, between 1363 Spring rd, and 14th or on streetcar from same corner to Penna, ave. and 14th.

Reward. Georgia 4329.

plane. The Marines knew the Japs the race when planes, partly dependent on the hastily hewn field and it was a race between the two forces. plane. The Marines knew the Japs the race when planes, partly de-

Lady's diamond ring, initials "K. A. M." trucks roared, and picks and shovels middle of the Japanese runway RA 1068

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Church 2276-M

Were put in the hands of sturdy Marines and about 300 natives, most of whom knew no English. Disease haunted the spot, and the supply of finished the job the Japs dropped. The street of the stree

story of the Solomons, the Navy told supply of tobacco. But it was a proud moment for Lt. (i.g.) M. T. yesterday how the Marines won a Martin, USN, of Three Rivers, Tex., construction race with the Japs that the medical officer, when he reenacled them to strike from Espiritu ported that not a life was lost from old. Santo and take the almost-com- illness during the construction period. Lt. Col. Harold W. Bauer. Within two months after the Ma- now listed as missing, was in charge The marines knew they had won

Guadalcanal on August 7, 1942. Bulldozers snorted and pushed. There was a little section in the Church 2276-M

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1528

WALLET. dropped by haval officer, was true of the area but the offensive base for the area but the offensive base plagued the men. Heat and most well.



"Surgeon" Moore (right) and Fireman Platter are shown together after the operation. -A. P. Wirephotos from Navy.

# **U-Boat Crisis Held Most Urgent** Of Immediate Allied Problems

Eliot Declares Full Power of U. S. Won't Count Until Sea Lanes Are Cleared

The submarine problem is the down. most immediately pressing and urgent question demanding solution sized surface escort, each convoy can by the military chiefs of the United have a small carrier whose planes

it cannot be done without grievous loss, and what is perhaps worse (for it leads to still further losses) grievous waste of time.

on Italy's plan to employ war pris- there depends on shipping, and though there are no German Uboats to contend with and the Japanese submarines have proven rela-The prisoners will be allotted in tively ineffective, the enormous disgroups of 50 to employers "in zones tances make disproportionately high not exposed to enemy attacks ac- demands on tonnage, even for the the dispatches said. "They will which we have so far confined ourwork the same hours as Italian labor selves in that area. If we are to exand receive the benefit of workers pand our Pacific offensives in scope and area, we shall need more ships and yet more ships.

this war with submarines, but he one vulnerability which the Ger-British, Australian, Yugoslav and does hope to make it so costly to us, man designers have been unable period, that we shall sicken of the dius of action and low time endurslaughter and make terms with him. ance and speed when submerged. It is still dependent for submerged Anti-Submarine Methods. operation on the electric battery and

special uniforms and their own flag. hope is to deal adequately with the Therefore the motto of the subma-The Berlin radio said a census of instrument on which it depends— There are various methods to

> But the direct protection of merchant shipping in transit—that is, convoy - remains the principal means available for fighting the submarine. For this purpose two types of convoy escorts are needed -surface and air. Air escort requires bases, which must be improved, extended and protected. In the mid-Atlantic, where air escort and patrol from shore bases is more difficult, floating bases (converted airplane carriers) are needed in much larger numbers than are yet available.

and corvettes) these are not yet available in sufficient numbers either. Probably we have not yet half as many in the Atlantic as we ought to have. We are getting more, but production is being impeded by the demands on material and facilities for other purposesmost of which cannot be translated into useful action against the enemy until the U-boat problem has been dealt with. This situation is now in course of correction.

What is really required are not only escort ships of adequate speed, armament and sea-keeping qualities in adequate numbers, but trained groups of escort ships manned by a sterilizer and succeeded in sewing Brig. Gen. G. M. Wells and Brig. trained to work together as a fightofficers and men who have been ing team against submarines. With every large convoy, there should be enough escort ships so that, in case of attack, a certain number can You can't pop corn over a match Founders' Day will be observed at remain with the convoy, while othflame. You can't build a house with a meeting of the Nellie Custis Parers are detached to deal with enemy submarines, to stay with them and never win this war with less than tomorrow at the school in Arling- track them, keep them below the all we've got and the best we've got. ton. There also will be a musical surface, and eventually destroy It is only by this type of offensive

-defensive action that a convoy can be properly protected, and it is quite obviously not properly protected if it must be left defenseless in order

Of course the ideal situation is

reached when, in addition to a full-

can work directly with the destroy-

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But even this is not enough. Be-

sides all the ships needed for these

various purposes and the smaller

and slower vessels adequate for

coastal escort and inshore patrol,

we must have enough big, fast,

rugged destroyers to form "killer

groups," to be stationed at properly

located bases commanding the en-

The task of these groups is to pro-

ceed to any point at which enemy

submarines are reported, and to

hunt the U-boats to the finish. These

killer groups can best perform their

functions in conjunction with long-

range patrol aircraft, whose duty it

is to locate the submarine and bring

Remember that the vulnerable

rine hunters must be-keep 'em

pay heavily for our lack of fore-

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Dr. Sigmund Skaard of the Nor-

wegian Embassy staff will address

the Presbyterian Brotherhood Club

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cuss the role of Norway in the war.

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By MAJ. GEORGE FIELDING that the submarines which first show themselves may be hunted

ers and corvettes of the surface es-The reason can be stated very cort, all functioning together under simply: Germany cannot be defeated until the full power of the United States can be thrown against her, and that cannot be done until the sealanes are cleared—or at least

As for the Pacific, all that we do "limited objective" operations to

The enemy does not hope to win characteristic of the submarine, the

The best and surest way to disappoint him of that fast flickering every so often it must come to the

the census would include women known in principle, air attacks on curve of losses. The remedies are but most of them are well enough submarine bases do not destroy the in sight, and progress is being made. neavily protected concrete-roofed We shall beat the U-boat as we docks, or the submarines in them, shall beat every other weapon and but do damage the repair facilities, effort of the enemy. But as in so storage warehouse, barracks for many other cases, we shall have to crews, railways and oil tanks.

Air attacks on factories and shiphanded preparation. yards have their due effect, but are unlikely to be decisive by them-Commando raids on bases Dr. Skaard to Speak -such as that at St. Nazaire-will be useful just in proportion to the length that physical possession of be held long enough for the demolition squads to do their work thoroughly.

Trained Crews Needed. As for escort ships (destroyers PORTUGUESE **TEACHERS** 

## Mason 'Thumbs' Rides to Get to His Golf Club

It takes more than the ban on pleasure driving to keep Commissioner Guy Mason away from golf even though his club is a good two miles from the nearest streetcar

Mr. Mason confided yesterday that he and Col. Monroe Johnson, member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, go out and "thumb' rides every week end from the Cabin John streetcar line to the Burning Tree Golf Club.

Mr. Mason said he and Col. Johnson also take their own coffee to the club. An attendant boils the water for them, but they drink it without sugar and cream.

## Lumpkins Is Designated **Acting Defense Director**

Porter M. Lumpkins, executive assistant of the Department of Civilian Defense, was designated yesterday by the Commissioners as acting director of civilian defense in the absence of Capt. H. C. Whitehurst, director. Capt. Whitehurst has been absent

from his office since last Wednesday because of ill health and probably will not return for two weeks or more. At present the post of assistant director has not been filled.

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